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JAPAN/JAPON

- According to press sources, Prime Minister Kaifu welcomed defeat of the coup against President Gorbachev and immediately unfroze aid programs put on hold since Monday. Among such assistance is US\$ 100 million in Export-Import Bank emergency loans pledged to the Soviets for food purchases, a syndicate loan of US\$350 million by private banks to help the USSR pay trade debts to Japan, and the government's trade and investment insurance for the Soviet Union.
- Chief Cabinet Secretary Sakamoto said Tokyo plans to increase contacts with the Russian Federation following President Yeltsin's display of strength in foiling the coup, Kyodo reported.
- According to Kyodo, Singaporean PM Goh Chok Tong asked the Japanese government to support the East Asian Economic Grouping, saying it is not intended to confront other regional economic groups.
- Growth in Japan's corporate investment for the current fiscal year will fall to 8.4% from 15.9% last fiscal year, according to the latest survey by the Nihon Keizai Shimbun newspaper.
- Shinmei Breeders Co., a major Japanese cattle company, announced it will quit importing foreign beef because of intense competition caused by liberalization of imports, press reports said. The firms said it will terminate import contracts with producers in the US and Canada, and focus on domestic production.
- Kyodo reports the US International Trade Commission imposed antidumping duties on Japanese flat panel displays, ruling that Japanese producers are selling them in the US at unfairly low prices. The affected Japanese manufacturers are worried that the antidumping

duties could force them to lose their competitive edge in the US market. Hosiden Electronics, a leading maker of liquid crystal displays for laptop computers, announced it stopped shipping to the US because of the 62.67% dumping duty imposed on its screens.

- A US court has ordered Japanese electronics firms Toshiba and NEC to pay royalties to Wang Laboratories, Kyodo reported. The company sued the two Japanese companies for infringing its patents on two memory devices used for personal computers and other electronic equipment.

CHINA/CHINE

- Xinhua reports Qian Qichen, Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister, met with the Soviet ambassador to China on 22 August. The ambassador conveyed a personal message from President Gorbachev to the Chinese leaders. Qian said the Chinese government has consistently advocated that the internal affairs of the Soviet Union should be handled by the Soviet people themselves.
- Two PRC reporters arrived in Taiwan from Hong Kong at the invitation of Taiwan's China Times to report on detained fishermen held on a charge of piracy for boarding a Taiwan fishing boat. The two PRC reporters are the first to visit Taiwan since the civil war, media sources claim.

KOREA/CORÉE

- Senior Officials Meeting in Kyongju will discuss final preparations for November's Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation ministerial meeting in Seoul. The key issues are: trade liberalization, regional economic trends, admission of China, Hong Kong and